

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ATHENS 04744 081620Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 ICA-11
AID-05 CEA-01 COME-00 EB-08 FRB-03 STR-07 TRSE-00
LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 (ISO) W
-----117825 081727Z /43

P R 081519Z JUN 78
FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6164
INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA
AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY LISBON
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG
AMEMBASSY NICOSIA
AMEMBASSY OSLO
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK
AMEMBASSY ROME
USMISSION USNATO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ATHENS 4744

BRUSSELS FOR USEEC

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPR, GR
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER RETURNS FROM U.S. WITH "OBJECTIVES
ATTAINED"

REF: ATHENS 4509
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ATHENS 04744 081620Z

1. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS RETURNED TO ATHENS ON JUNE 7 AND WAS MET BY GENERAL SATISFACTION THAT HE HAD DONE WELL IN PROTECTING GREEK INTERESTS DURING HIS TEN-DAY TRIP TO THE U.S.
2. IN HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN, CARAMANLIS NOTED HE HAD NOT GONE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS BUT HAD NEVERTHELESS DISCUSSED THE

ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF GREEK RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., TURKEY, NATO, AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. SUMMING UP HE SAID, "THERE IS NO REASON TO TRIUMPH OR TO WEEP OVER ANYTHING. OUR OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN ATTAINED. CONSEQUENTLY, THE RESULTS OF MY TRIP ARE SATISFACTORY, FOR WE AVERTED ANY POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO OUR INTERESTS AND WE STRENGTHENED OUR POSITIONS."

3. HIS STATEMENT WAS ECHOED BY THE ATHENS PRESS ON JUNE 8, WITH EVEN NORMALLY VITRIOLIC OPPOSITION PAPERS COVERING HIS RETURN IN A SUBDUED TONE. MOSCOW-ORIENTED RIZOSPASTIS HEADLINED, "RESERVED SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF TRIP, PARLIAMENT WILL NOT BE BRIEFED." PRO-GOVERNMENT AKROPOLIS BANNERED, "OUR POSITIONS STRENGTHENED, NATIONAL DAMAGES AVERTED," AND EDITORIALIZED THAT ANYONE WITH AN "HONEST" OPINION MUST ADMIT THAT CARAMANLIS HAD PROMOTED GREEK INTERESTS. EVEN CONSERVATIVE ESTIA EDITORIALIZED THAT NO ONE DISAGREED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD DONE WELL IN AN "UNFRIENDLY" ENVIRONMENT.

4. COMMENT: IN GREECE, CARAMANLIS' IMAGE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY STRENGTHENED BY VIRTUE OF HIS TRIP TO THE U.S. SEEN HERE LAST WEEK AS SOMETHING OF A DANIEL ENTERING THE LION'S DEN, THE PRIME MINISTER RECEIVED GOOD MARKS FROM VIRTUALLY ALL SIDES OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM FOR HAVING SUCCESSFULLY GUARDED GREEK NATIONAL INTERESTS. HOWEVER, OPPOSITION LEADER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, WHO REMAINED QUIET DURING CARAMANLIS' VISIT AND HAS RESERVED COMMENT PENDING HIS BRIEFING BY THE PRIME MINISTER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 ATHENS 04744 081620Z

HAS YET TO BE HEARD FROM.
MCCLOSKEY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRIME MINISTER, MINISTERIAL VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 08 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978ATHENS04744
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780239-1232
Format: TEL
From: ATHENS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780679/aaaacpyc.tel
Line Count: 96
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 04f6c58c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 ATHENS 4509
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2425756
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRIME MINISTER RETURNS FROM U.S. WITH "OBJECTIVES ATTAINED"
TAGS: PEPR, GR, (KARAMANLIS, CONSTANTINE)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/04f6c58c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014